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## FARM SECURITY AID AVAILABLE FOR EVACUEES MEETING QUALIFICATIONS

Evacuee farmers who desire the aid of the Farm Security Administration must first pass the eligibility, character and integrity, requirements, announced Regional FSA Director R. W. Hollenberg in a letter to Assistant WRA Director Robert B. Cozzens.

## HONORED AT NEW YEAR PARTY

For their part in making the prizes a success during the past year, Co-op employees, block managers, and community leaders who participated in the progress of the Co-op, were honored at the Appreciation Party on Wednesday, January 24, at Mess hall 1.

"I congratulate you who took part in the progress of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises during the year just passed," Project Director Ralph P. Merritt told approximately 300 of the guests.

Various department heads of the Co-op were introduced and the group was addressed by the chairman of the Co-op Board of Directors Yoshio Muramatsu, Chairman of the Block Managers Assembly Kiyoharu Anzai and General Manager Kukunosuke Arai. Frank Yasuda, executive secretary of Town Hall acted as master of ceremonies.

Appreciation gifts were given Sokichi Sugimoto, Shigematsu Takeyasu, and Hideo Okada for their past efforts on the managerial staff of the Cooperative.

## Fresno Reception Reported Friendly

FRESNO, Calif.—Two families returned to the San Joaquin Valley area, reported friendly reception, according to Fresno Relocation Officer Paul Fischer.

One family, consisting of Kazuo Hiyama, his wife and two children, stated that no difficulty was experienced and that they are getting along nicely.

The other, James Morishige, daughters, Pricilla and Marynne, have taken possession of their farm three miles northwest of Selma. They were well received claimed James Morishige. The children are attending school and have noted no discrimination.

## Leaves This Week

Indefinite ..... 7  
Seasonal ..... 0  
Short Term ..... 17

## PERSONS ON LEAVE

Indefinite ..... 2506  
Seasonal ..... 6  
Short Term ..... 31  
Residue ..... 5506

## Hollywood American Legion Post Act Stirs Intra-Legion Battle At Confab

HOLLYWOOD, January 27—Action of Hollywood Post No. 591 in inviting an American Japanese war veteran to its post and then publicizing the incident touched-off an intra-legion battle, the Los Angeles Times revealed this week.

The controversy began when District Commander P. A. (Dick) Horton criticized the Hollywood post and said that the post had acted in "bad faith."

Horton declared that the Hollywood Post, in publicizing their action without official permission and condemning the Hood River post which had removed

He added that three prominent farmers of the FSA County Committee will be on the hearing boards to determine whether a person is eligible or not.

Rural rehabilitation or operating loans are available to citizens who qualify as low-income farm families (including owner-operators, tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers with sufficient family manpower for farm and home operations except possibly at peak season) if certain other requirements can be met.

These other requirements include: The necessity of full-time farm operations, effectively utilizing family manpower or part-time operations which may be supplemented by off-farm employment that will not interfere with successful operations in order to maintain full employment and a satisfactory level of living; a willingness to assume the necessary responsibilities in order to make an effective contribution to the nation's war effort; a family background of rural experience and managerial ability; that the borrower be unable to obtain adequate farm and home financing at reasonable rates and terms from sources other than the FSA; that there be a reasonable possibility of repaying the loan and that the family's level of health and living can be maintained or improved.

## Various Loans

Heads of families eligible as standard borrowers can get loans for livestock, farm equipment, minor repairs and improvements for farm and/or home, participation in group health, hospital and/or dental services, for emergency health services and for correction of physical conditions when the approved farm and home plan indicates that such expenditures are necessary to successfully conduct the family's war production program and rehabilitation of the farm family.

However, purchase loans, that run for 40 years at three percent interest, are available to veterans of the present war, farm tenants, renters and laborers who are citizens. FSA reports that due to the limited funds on hand for this purpose and the large numbers of applications already on hand, it is unlikely that more than 12 farm ownership loans can be made in California this year.

## Health Services

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## Adult Activity Hall Opens Daily For Public Inspection

Adult English Activity Hall, 16-8, will be open daily next week from 2 to 4 p.m., for public inspection, announced Adult-Vocational Education Director Gladys C. Schwesinger.

Issei men and women as well as Caucasians are invited to look over the "loveliest room" in Manzanar.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 Miss Dee Murray, friendly resident of Manzanar will give a demonstration on how to make those "delicious" cream puffs; on Thursday and Friday evenings Mrs. Ruby Beale of the elementary school and Miss Lucile Smith of the high school will go into the mysteries of glazing and scalloping vegetables; and on Saturday morning from 8 to 10, Mrs. Helen Hill of the elementary school will disclose the secrets of her success with a white birthday cake.

Mrs. Alice Cowart will demonstrate how to make hooked rugs and Mrs. Alan Campbell will give a lesson in fudge making sometime during the week.

At other times, Miss Toshiko Nakamura will be on duty in the hall serving as hostess and teacher.

Issei men and women with problems in English are invited to bring their problems to the hall and get help in writing letters, filling out money order forms, mail order forms and the like.

## Sono Osato Among Guests At Allied Relief Ball in East

NEW YORK—Some 350 persons attended an Allied Relief Ball sponsored by the Japanese New York War Fund at the Hotel McAlpin, one of New York's leading mid-town hotels.

Among the guests were Sono Osato, famous dancer, who is York's new musical show, "On The Town", some 50 Nisei soldiers and approximately 100 Caucasians.

Music for dancing at the ball was provided by Al Bennett and his recording orchestra, which broadcasts over radio station WOR. The program also included entertainment by 15 Hawaiian hula dancers and a native orchestra; singing by Ruby Yoshino, who was accompanied by Aiko Tashiro; and the showing of newsreel movies of Nisei soldiers in action in Europe and of "Go For Broke", the film depicting the training of the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Several persons whose tickets held lucky numbers won paintings donated by five Japanese artists: Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Makoto Hara, Sakari Suzuki, Eitaro Ishigaki and Chuzo Tanotsu.

Dr. Kanzo Oguri, Brooklyn physician, is chairman of the Japanese American Committee of the New York War Fund. Kosu T. Itotagawa the committee's campaign manager and treasurer, was in charge of the arrangements for the ball.

District Commander moved to take charge of the meeting and "lay down the law" to the post, Edward Kliner, post Judge Advocate, is asserted to have shouted: "Throw him out."

## HUTCHISON ASKS AID OF RESIDENTS IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN

Under the direction of Mrs. Avis Hutchison the March of Dimes campaign to raise funds to assist victims of infantile paralysis was underway at Manzanar yesterday when the Block Manager's Assembly enthusiastically agreed to lend their support to the drive.

## Scott Defends Nisei By Resigning Post

LOS ANGELES—Protesting over the attitude of the league toward Americans of Japanese ancestry, Joseph Scott, influential Catholic layman and Republican leader, has resigned from the board of directors of the Americanism Educational League, of which John R. Lechner is executive director, the Pacific Citizen disclosed.

Scott, who has been in the news recently as attorney for Joan Barry in the Chaplain paternity case, is reported to have written Lechner notifying the latter of his resignation.

He is the second prominent Catholic to resign from the Americanism Educational League.

Scott praised the Nisei Combat Team record and added that while he was on the board of Education of Los Angeles and in the Juvenile Court for ten years he was never faced with a problem involving Japanese American youths.

## Agencies To Permit Japanese Fishermen To Operate Vessels

In explaining that Federal agencies are prepared to protect the rights of those evacuated after Pearl Harbor, Dillon S. Myer, director of the WRA, said January 12, that fishermen of Japanese ancestry returning to the Pacific Coast from Relocation Centers will get their vessels back and will be permitted to resume operations under prevailing regulations.

## Feature Nisei In Boston Sunday Post

Restoration of rights and freedom to Nisei resettlers by New Englanders was revealed recently in a story authored by Eleanor Roberts and carried in the Boston Sunday Post.

Masaru "Chick" Uno, his wife and their two daughters are used as a typical Nisei family. They are from the Minidoka Relocation center.

The article declared, "When the Unos first landed in Boston, they didn't have a stick of furniture with which to furnish the big, barren nine-room, half of a duplex house, they were fortunate enough to find. Today, the table in the parlor is the gift of a friend from the West End, whom Chick met when he was leading boys' club work in

## Police Protect Nisei

NEW CASTLE, Calif.—Placer county sheriff's office this week kept continuous vigil protection on Sumio Doi and his fruit ranch by placing highway patrol road blocks and armed patrols after attempts by unidentified persons to destroy the 28-year-old Nisei's packing shed with fire and dynamite, the Los Angeles Daily News reported.

Termed "atrocious" by Governor Earl Warren, the incidents were under investigation by the state's attorney general's office.

In one attack on Doi's property the packing shed was sprayed with gasoline and fired.

"Some time after Doi and his father succeeded in putting out the flames, a group of persons were frightened away from an attempt to dynamite the shed by the approach of a sheriff's patrol car," the News stated.

Campaign headquarters here have ordered sufficient boxes to place one in each mess hall and at the hospital, children's village and other strategic places thru the project.

While there will be no individual solicitation of evacuees it is anticipated that again this year they will contribute generously in putting Manzanar over the top.

Last year Manzanar enjoyed the distinction of making the best showing of any community in Southern Inyo.

The county has two nurses trained at Stanford University in the Kenny method, who would be available if an epidemic should make its appearance at the center.

Caucasian members of the staff will be contacted at their residence and asked to make donations for this worthy cause.

Funds collected go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and are distributed by that organization to hospitals throughout the country. In these institutions victims of poliomyelitis receive treatment under specialists in combating its effects, and many are alive today as a result of the "iron lung" provided by the foundation.

## Plan Inter-Exchange

WASHINGTON—After more than a year of delay, Japan has indicated her willingness to negotiate with the United States for a third exchange of Japanese. The San Francisco Chronicle quoted the State Department as saying.

The article stated that Japan is especially interested in repatriation of Japanese held at Tule Lake Segregation center.

The communication from Japan, made public by the State Department declared:

"Japanese government are carefully considering further exchange of nationals between Japan and the United States and expect to be able to carry it out during 1945. In view of the special nature of Tule Lake Segregation Center, Japanese government are prepared to give special consideration to repatriation of Japanese subjects detained there through exchange." The department said that it is prepared to ensure the speedy execution of any exchange to which the Japanese government's agreement can be obtained."

## the West End Settlement House.

"A family in Roslindale who knew they were in need of a kitchen set, brought down their old one from the attic, repainted it and presented it to them. The big bed came from the father of one of Chick's charges at the Settlement House and the wicker chairs and dresser were the goodwill offering of a minister in Dedham."

Miss Roberts quotes Chick as saying, "They are not new but they give me a warm feeling everytime I see them for I know I have friends who trust me."

Chick, who is 38, like many other Nisei volunteered for service in the army but was placed in class IIIA. His brother, Paul, is now at the Officers' Candidate School in Camp Barclay, Tex.

Chick, because of his excellent background in athletics, (he was a top-notch boxer) while at Washington State College, was made athletic director at the Minidoka Center.

His first real job came when he received an offer from the American Baptist Home Mission which asked him to lead the boys' club work in the West End Settlement House.

Miss Roberts declared, "The Unos are starting again, according to good old Yankee tradition free and with the helping hand of New England neighbors."